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<u>aaaaaaaaaa</u> TITLE: SUPPRESSING PLANT PATHOGENS AND PESTS WITH APPLIED OR

INDUCED AUXINS š EXAMINER: PRYOR, ALTON N.

RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

Via EFS on April 4, 2008

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Sir

This is a Response and Amendment to the Office Action dated October 5. 2007. After the grant of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, this Response is due April 7, 2008, the first business day following Saturday, April 5, 2008. This Response is, therefore, timely.

On the merits. Applicant has responded to the claim rejections and amended the claims.

> Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.